

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) Art Unit: 3782
VON SPRECKELSEN, et al.)) Examiner: not yet assigned.
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
(37 CFR §1.97)**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth at 37 CFR §1.56 and the requirements for filing an Information Disclosure Statement set forth at 37 CFR §§1.97-1.98, enclosed is Form PTO/SB/08a (hereinafter "the Form") with a list of all items being submitted for consideration by the Office. A legible copy of each item listed in the Form that is not a U.S. patent or a published U.S. patent application, and not identified as being cumulative, is enclosed.

The Background of the Invention portion of the application indicates that SIG Combibloc GmbH & Co KG (hereinafter "SIG") is a manufacturer of post-applied fitments and provides the URL for SIG. The reference identified in the Form is a page that was obtained from the WayBackMachine archive and identified in the archive as being a page from the SIG web-site as of July 2003, which is earlier than the priority date of November 14, 2003.

The Background of the Invention portion of the application indicates that Bericap GmbH & Co (hereinafter "Bericap") is a manufacturer of post-applied fitments and provides the URL for Bericap. A copy of whatever page of the Bericap web-site might have disclosed post-applied fitments prior to the priority date of November 14, 2003, could not be located. The reference identified in the Form is a page that was recently obtained from the Bericap web-site. The applicant

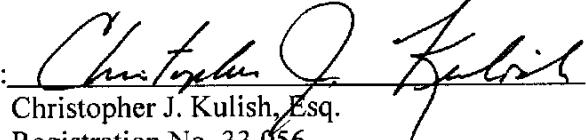
believes that the Bericap reference shows the type of post-applied fitment that exhibits a problem which the invention set forth in the current application is meant to address.

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